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HYBRIDIZATION USING POOLS OF  
PROBES

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED NOVEMBER 5, 2003**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This paper is filed in response to an Office action dated November 5, 2003. A response is due on April 5, 2004 in view of the concurrently submitted petition for a two month extension of time. No other fees are believed to be due, however, should any fees be deemed necessary in connection with the present paper, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such fees to our Deposit Account No. 13-2855. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the complete listing of claims pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 10 of this paper.